

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3988
ANSWERED ON:23.08.2005
TAX ON HAND MADE BRICK PRODUCERS
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a): whether the Government is aware that the unbearable tax is being levied upon the Hand-made Brick producers in Kanyakumari district due to which more than a lakh of workers are loosing employment;
- (b): if so, the details thereof; and
- (c): the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a): The State Government of Tamil Nadu has reported that it has not received any representation regarding indiscriminate and exorbitant tax being levied on hand-made brick producers in Kanyakumari district. That Government has also reported that the rate of general sales tax on bricks in the State is 4 per cent.

(b)&(c): Do not arise.